## The Weekly Ontario

Legishition and boucimon
At the T. A. S. anniversary the ohere even-ing Mr. C. J. Foy made a very strong appeal
for temperance and gave some convincingं arryuments against liquor. Sut there was a slight inconsistency Mr Coy contended that temperance can only be brought about by education. He did not helieve in Local Option or
ary of the popular methods of dealing with the
evil
Apart from the merits or de merits of Local Option or any other kind of legislation. Mr. Foy
mustadmit that to govern any country properly you must impose definite restriction upan certain things. Mr. Fiy himself cited the case had become license. Education is a good thing. It is the best thing, but to educate you must ehild will be zood or obey its parent by mere verbal instruztion, any parent knows this. All men will not obey the moral law or Does Mr. vere not prohibited and punishable by law that these crimes would not $b$; committed more than they are?
To institute a law against bigamy does no
et rid of bigamy, but it brands the criminal, and that fact has a resiraining as fluence upon mer, giving them a distinct sense right and wrong,
'The feaf 0 ' hell's the hangman whip To keep the wretch in order
The Bishop made a very sensible cormment on the adiress when he said we should support veryperance. While we do not believe in extreme legislation we cannot agree with Mr. Foy evil is by edu:ation. If Mr. Foy followed out ical conclusion he would see that educaticn in volves restraint and outside torce. He himsel The T. A. S, has done a good work in Pet erborough, is methods have been largely no sociery lives unto itself and many of its
members have used their influence in the direction of practical methods of dealing with the
problen during the fourteen years the T. A. S. problem during the

## OR A CLEAN STAGE.

All credit to Mr. John Griffin, head of Grifin's theatrical o rcuit, for the fecisive ction he from the playhouses under his control. The
following news despatch from St. Catharines will explain Mr. Grifin's attitude,- Curifin, the St. Catharines, Feb. .. John long string of
Torunto man who runs heatres, came over here the other day
and last night dropped int his own vaud-
eville house. A pair of vaudevillians, a man and woman, as a climax did a rather
vulgar turn. Mr. Griffin went behind the. "Say" he said to the man, "you've got Why" queried the entertainer. "Be-
cause ti's not decent, and I won't stand for The ail, soid Mr. Griffin. Mr. Uriffin discharged nim. Forthwith he wrote out a list of instructions for ah his
houses, which expressly stated that certain
words must not be ased on any of his words must not be used on any of his
stages: neither must there be anything suggestive ssid or acted, any manage
beling given permission to immediately dis miss any actor whois guilty of such a a thing
There has been a good deal of comThere has been a good deal or com
plaint against vullararity and indecency or
the stage here and in other places, and it has been very often remarked that
the vaudeville should be censored as well as the moving-picture
This same pair appeared in Belleville some ime ako, and the bold suggestiveness of their act was the source of much decidedly unfavorgratulati गn that Mr. Griffin was enabled to see or himself. Anyone who is acquaintel winh
Mr. Griffin knows that he is extremely rigid about the moral tone of the presentations that ake place in the theatres under his managb-
ment. It is not possible to know in advance the ment. It is not posside vaudeville acts to be presented but the instructions he is sending out o bis local managers should have a wholesome effect. Atthough it should be stated that
xhibitions of the character complained abuit ave heen quite unusual. While the perforhave heen quite unusual. While the perfor-
mances have not always reached a high stanJard of artistic excellence, they have almost uniformly been free from objectionable feattures. is a matter of supreme importancs that the vaudeville and moving picture houses in
our smaller cities and towns should be clean uur smaller cities and towns should be clean
and decent. The audiences are largely composed of children, and immature girlhood and
minds foul pictures, or suggestive dialogue or performance is a arime against you to ismut but there is smut-loving section in Toronto large enough to make such a venture profitable.
In Belleville or $S t$. Catharies a few indecent Derfermances would incurably alienate the performances
better class of
derive the bulk of their revenues. blackguardism were quite uncalled for, both in the dramin and on the stage. Resort to these now devices is aiways a confession the actor. John on the parr he play no such adornmient in his compelliny play. "The Breed of the Tresh ams,' and Martin Harvey was able to ceptivate and thrill his audience vithout the slightes imputation of suggestiveness, in look. in wor
or in action. We have read a great deal lately about the wave or indecen the "movies," in New Yurk stage and even Content to allow New York
City. We are.
establish certain standards for us in the field establish certain standards for us in the field o
aramatic art, but we will certainly net permit aramatic art, but we will certainly net permit
them to send out any streams of foulness in our direction wit' 10 ut prorest. Gieffin upon his We again congratulate Mr. Grown manl ommendable course. He the Canadian home and Canadian ideals, and at the same time we:should sugges dmirable business sense.

## bellevilles population

The population of Belleville is now nearly wellected by Assessor Kerr in his annual rounds. The exact figures are 11,893. The actual increase the past year was 692 . Nor only has population grown, bu there was a splendid
crease in building activity. No less than 125 new dwellings were, elected during the year While a large part of the credit for this growth and progress
enterprise of our own . citizens, it is well to remember that all nur enterprise would have ioned policy of Canadian expansion introduced by the liberal party. ville was prior to i896. Trade was utterly stag nant,our manufacturers had nearly all failed and
been close. out, property could scarcely be given away to anyone why was capable of paying young men were flitting away in droves to
raise the standing of cilizenship in the United States. It is a dismal story and we will not Then came Laurier and the great awaken ing. You atr remenber fiscouraged East, and the marvel lous development of the unknown and unpeopled West. Don't sav that governments have nothing to do with the creation of prosperity
The man who makes an assertion like that is a bone-head upon who
Had the British preference, and the policy of inielligently advertising Canada in the Brit ish lyes, among the nations of , Europe, and
the United States, anything to do with turning the tide of immigration and prosperity in the direction of this unknown but naturally poren dominion? Had to yey? wasming up this frigid old earth?
And then to think that the imperial-minded author of all these wonderful Dolicies of national expansion should be whispered out of office
by the very men who were enriched by the benefits he had created. To think that instead of progressive, sagacious statesmanship w should deliberately choose bobrogerisation! And Bollevilte! Renewed, rejuvenared, rein vigorated and trebly benefited Belleville I To
think that this city should by a majority of fivehundred and forty votes display such towering ingratitude as to show its preference for a party whose only conception of statesmand
is to "dash away and spend the money:" It was truly said that Canada needed a
chas ening, and in 1911 we fashioned the rod to chas-ening,
scourge our own backs.
scourge our own backs
How lonk it will take the present aggregation of reactinnaries to take us back to the doldrums and dumps, and the awe-inspiring stag nation of the National Poverty days, it is hard to sav. It requires some prosperity of the New Cana la, dating from 1896. But we have had a forea taste the present winter of what may be expected. The old note of buoyant optimism in Canada is not quite so confident now as it was only three short years ago. Let us all earnes
ly hope that the hands of the spoilers may be ly hope that the hands ome the people of this great nation have had an opportunity in a general election to undo to so
engendered in 1911 .

Houses of poured concrete seem to have met with great favor in Europe. At Salitidre.
Southern France, 120 are being built at $\$ 1,088$ each, about 20 per
ilar brick houses.

If that conferince of Front Street property owners dian't give us a permanera fact that
it certainly did dig up the important
there are several excellent preparations for the there are several excellent preparations for the
purpose on the market. The educational value purpose on the market. The educationar vaiue
of such neighborly gatierings is not to be dispised.

It some of the jelly-fish in Right Honourable Robert's cabinet had orly a portion of the
backbone Colot the Honourable Sam we backbone of Colonel the Honourable Sam
would not have the invertebrate grovelling before nationalism and flunkeyism that has served 10 make the present goveriment at Otawa
the most inert and impotent since the jays of the discover,

Any oi our married men who have been getting a raw deal at tea meetings, socials,
lacies' aid banquets, tanyo teas, or similar festivities should ay heed to the following valuable hint in a note that sppeared
issue of the Kingston Standard.

Prince Edward county is gradually getting wamped by the sand that is drifting up every year in greater volume from Lake Ontario,
Che county council has just memorialised the provincial legislature to have the area reforested in order to prevent the furcher encroachmen upon the agrizultural land. of the affected, dis-
trict east of Wellington. Prince Edward has been rather proud of these great sand dunes and the strange natural phenomenon they prebuildings, orchards, and choice land to the eve advancing driffs of white sand-well, the phe nomenon comes a litue expensive. Ine
enment undertakes the reforesting of this barren area the experiment will be watched ook like a pretty tough proposition for the for estry experts.

One would think from the pow-wow in the Kingston papers that their hockey team had won the championship of British Nork Amerhabitants of the planet Jupiter. A few even ings ago Colonel Marsh's gallant boys inflicted a decisive defeat on the indoor hase hasteric cackling and crowing in this city over defeate opponents who had played the game like hon orable men and lost. In Belleville we wear our
laurels with hecoming modesty. Butwhen defeat comes nur way, as come it occasionally must in our varinus athletic activities, we ac-
met cept the adverse decision quite as ptas or there would bew harey. Belleville is quite content with having had teams in both the intermediate and junior hockey fields who came home far more proud of the fact that in all the contests their boys stood up and played the game and kept their colors clean.

Newspaper men are currently and comm-
only supposed to have hides about as tough only supposed to have hides about as ough
and thick as the leather shield possessed by a rhinoceros. We do not know of any class so responsive to a kindly word as the edisk publishers of newspapers. We sod owing to a bad
posite idea has qone abroad on habit many editorial writers have of calling one
another names. nother names.
The last issue
The last issue of The Stirling News Argus the Editor's life." The editorial remarks were called forth by the editor having received a remittance of $\$ 1.50$ for a year's subscription and
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The editor's joy was somewhat marred
owever by the receipt of a notic man with a good situation in Toronto to stop his paper. Hecould nolonger afford the dollar to pay fifty two visits of the paper from his home which he had left only two years betore,
nearly all his relatives still remained.
It is regrettable to see how many soung men when they leave the home town to reside in a larger place. regard it as an evidence of
manliness to sneer at the eld enviroment and all it contained. As the News Argus says, they are home feeling or patriotism."

There has been a malicious rumor about town that two of Bellevilie's leading busines
men while on a recent all-night visit to Lindsay men while on a recent air-mgit $3.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. under
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## Auction Sale ! 

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